

10.4. Audit Risk & Improvement Committee - Councillor Representatives

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to determine the Councillor representatives on the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee following the Deputy Mayor election.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- Council has two Councillor representatives on the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee.
- The election of a new Deputy Mayor on 25 September gives Council an opportunity to review its representatives on ARIC.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council appoint two Councillors as its representatives on the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee.

Background

The revised Charter, or Terms of Reference, for Council's Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) was adopted by ARIC in June 2022 and then by Council on 25 July 2022

The Terms of Reference provides for the following membership of the Committee:

- Independent chair, currently Mr Brian Hrnjak;
- Two Independent members, currently Mr Ron Switzer and Ms Rhonda Wheatley; and
- Two Councillor members (cannot be the Mayor), currently Councillors Beregi and Santer

All committee members are to meet the independence and eligibility criteria prescribed in the *Guidelines for risk management and internal audit in local councils in NSW*, issued by the Office of Local Government.

Report

At its meeting on 25 September 2023, Council elected Councillor William Bourke as Deputy Mayor for the 2023/24 term.

Prior to the adoption of the current Terms of Reference, one of the councillor representatives on ARIC was usually the Deputy Mayor and another Councillor. However, Council is able to nominate any two councillors, with the exception of the Mayor, as its representative on the Committee.

The election of a new Deputy Mayor gives Council an opportunity to review its representatives on ARIC.

Consultation requirements

Community engagement is not required.

Financial/Resource Implications

There are no financial implications to this report.

Legislation

Under section 428A of the Local Government Act 1993, all councils (including county councils) and joint organisations are required to have an ARIC or to have entered into an arrangement with another council or joint organisation to share an ARIC from 4 June 2022. Council is compliant with this requirement.